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In re Application of :
Masanori TABATA : Confirmation No.4514
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/588,936 : Group Art Unit: 1797
Filed: August 9, 2006 : Examiner: LUCAS A. STELLING
For: WASTEWATER TREATMENT APPARATUS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

By Official Action mailed December 24, 2008 restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 USC 121:

- I. **Claims 14-18, drawn to a first wastewater treatment apparatus.**
- II. **Claims 19-30, drawn to a second wastewater treatment apparatus.**

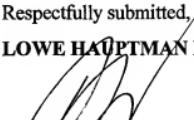
In response, Applicant hereby elects **Group II**, upon which claims 19-30 are readable for examination in this case, and more specifically sub-group B, identified as claims 21 and 25, drawn to a fourth wastewater treatment apparatus.

Early examination on the merits is courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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